Non-functioning of telephones in Bulandshahar, Uttar Pradesh

1581. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints in writing from the telephone subscribers and citizens of Bulandshahar, Uttar Pradesh regarding non-functioning and wrong billings of telephone during the year 1992-93;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. One complaint regarding non-functioning of Bulandshahar telephone exchange was received from the Hon'ble M. P. Chowdhry Hari Singh and 85 complaints regarding wrong billings of telephones were received in 1992-93.

(c) (i) Bulandshahar Strowger Exchange is proposal to be replaced by electronic exchange within a month.

(ii) Out of 85 complaints, 5 have been settled. 25 cases have been granted interim relief. The balance are under investigation.

Replacement of old Telephone Exchange in Electronic Exchanges

1582. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN:

SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone exchanges at Batala, Samarala and Fazilka in Punjab and at Chalan in Maharashtra are proposed to be replaced by Electronic Exchange;

(b) if so, by when these were originally planned to be commissioned;

(c) whether these have actually been commissioned, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when these would be actually commissioned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) (i) Batala—Yes Sir.

(ii) Samarala—Yes, Sir.

(iii) Fazilka—Yes, Sir.

(iv) Chalan—at present there is no telepsone exchange existing.

(b) —Batala—March, 92

—Samarala—March, 93

—Fazilka—March, 94

—Chalan—No telephone exchange existing.

(c) Batala exchange has not been commissioned as originally planned due to local sewerage problems, holding up the laying of cable ducts.

—Samarala—There is no delay commissioning targetted as originally planned.

—Fazilka—There is no delay, commissioning targetted as originally planned.

—Chalan—No telephone exchange existing.

(d) Planned to be commissioned

Batala by March, 93

Samarala by March, 93

Fazilka by March, 94

Chalan—No telephone exchange existing.

Saving Bank Account Deposit in Post Offices in Rampurhat, West Bengal

1583. SHRI VISHNUKANT SHASTRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of account holders in the Main Post Office and the sub-post offices in Rampurhat sub-division of West Bengal;

(b) what is the rate of interest paid on the post office savings account deposits in this sub-division;

(c) if the time lag is more than two months from the day the interest is payable, whether Government pays additional interest for the delay in liquidity of the interest payable to the depositors; and